

Remarks

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 20, 28, 34, 36, canceled claims 4, 33, 35, and added new claim 37. No new issues, or considerations are raised by this amendment response. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks. Applicant gratefully appreciates the examiner's indication that claims 4, 32-36 are objected to for being dependent and would be allowable if resubmitted in independent form.

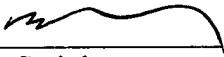
Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of former dependent claim 4. Independent claim 20 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of former dependent claim 33. Independent claim 28 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of former dependent claim 35. New independent claim 37 is a combination of former independent claim 37 and the allowable subject matter of former dependent claim 32.

Claims 1, 507, 20, 23-25, 27-28 and 30 were rejected under sec. 102e by Wu '197. This rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to the claims referenced above.

Applicant contends the references cannot be modified to incorporate the features of subject claims 1, 5-7, 20, 23-25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 37 without utilizing Applicant's disclosure. The courts have consistently held that obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the prior art to Applicant to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, incentive or motivation supporting the combination.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that the subject amendment be entered and claims 1, 5-7, 20, 23-25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 37 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully Submitted;



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